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COUNTY TO UTILIZE STATE GRANT TO ASSIST WITH POTHOLE REPAIRS AFTER EXTREME WINTER SEASON

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners today authorized the use of one-time grant funding from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDT) to assist the county with roadway pothole repairs as a result of this winter's extreme weather conditions.

The Governor and General Assembly allocated a special fund appropriation of \$10 million to MDT for the purpose of providing one-time transportation grants to county governments and Baltimore City. As announced by the State Highway Administration, use of the grant funding is restricted for pothole repairs and other road repairs necessitated by the past winter season.

Board President Blaine Young commented, "Frederick County is grateful to receive \$554,274 from the state to help with much needed repairs to our roadways now that springtime weather has finally arrived. The potholes are the worst we have seen in years, and the cold temperatures and conditions of this last season have caused tremendous damage to the roadways, as well as a safety risk for drivers. Our crews are now out in force repairing the roads, so we urge drivers to slow down, move over if possible and provide an extra barrier of safety for those working along the roadways.

"We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many county departments that went above and beyond their normal duties to take us through a very challenging winter season that pushed our resources beyond the limit. The storms required close collaboration and teamwork by hundreds of employees, as well as with our partners at the State Highway Administration. These tireless workers deserve our heartfelt appreciation for an excellent job keeping our roadways clear and allowing safe passage during numerous winter incidents, and also maintaining core county services for our citizens."

For more information on the MDT state grant, contact Okey Odinammadu, State Highway Administration, at 410-545-0300 or via e-mail at OOdinammadu@sha.state.md.us.